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1. THIS MORNING (JANUARY 10) AN ESTIMATED 25,000 PEOPLE GATHERED
IN THE NHA TRANG FOOTBALL STADIUM TO PROTEST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION
IN PHUOC LONG. FOLLOWING SOME SPEECHES APPROXIMATELY 13,000
OF THE DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED TO ICCS HQS WHERE 8 OF THEIR
REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH THE FOUR ICCS DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTED
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A WRITTEN PROTEST. THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE COMPOSED OF STUDENTS,

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, VETERANS, WORKERS AND ORDINARY CITIZENS.

2. THIS IS THE FOURTH WRITTEN PROTEST PRESENTED TO ICCS NHA TRANG IN TWO DAYS. YESTERDAY TWO DELEGATIONS FROM KHANH HOA DISTRICTS MET WITH THE ICCS; ONE IN THE MORNING AND ONE IN THE AFTERNOON. ALL FOUR ICCS DELEGATIONS WERE PRESENT FOR THE MORNING MEETING BUT THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATION REPORTEDLY LATER RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM ITS HEADQUARTERS IN PLEIKU NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AND WERE ABSENT FOR THE AFTERNOON SESSION. THEY ALSO STAYED AWAY FROM AN EARLY MEETING THIS MORNING WHEN A SMALL GROUP OF CITY ELDERS PRESENTED ITS PROTEST TO THE OTHER 3 ICCS DELEGATIONS GATHERED IN THE INDONESIAN CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE.

3. AT APPROXIMATELY 1100 THIS MORNING THE LARGE GROUP OF 13,000 APPEARED AT THE ICCS GATES AND AGAIN THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATION REFUSED TO GATHER WITH THE OTHER THREE TO RECEIVE THE PROTEST. HOWEVER, THEY LINED THE FENCE BETWEEN THE ICCS COMPOUND AND THE STREET AND, DRESSED IN BERMUDA SHORTS AND ARMED WITH CAMERAS, PROCEEDED TO PHOTOGRAPH THE CROWD. THEIR IDENTITY AND THEIR REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE QUICKLY BECAME KNOWN. THE CROWD BEGAN TO TURN UGLY AND A FEW STONES WERE THROWN. AT THAT POINT THE LOCAL POLICE COMMANDER LET IT BE KNOWN THAT HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE SECURITY UNLESS THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATION PARTICIPATED IN RECEIVING THE PROTEST. A HASTY CONSULTATION FOLLOWED, THE HUNGARIANS RETIRED TO THEIR QUARTERS, DRESSED THEMSELVES IN THEIR UNIFORMS AND ATTENDED THE MEETING WITH THE OTHER THREE DELEGATIONS.

4. ASIDE FROM THE FEW STONES THROWN WHICH REPORTEDLY HIT NO ONE AND DAMAGED NOTHING, THE DEMONSTRATION WAS COMPLETELY PEACEFUL. SECURITY POLICE AND TROOPS, HOWEVER, WERE IN EVIDENCE THROUGHOUT THE MARCH ROUTE AND WERE PARTICULARLY NOTICEABLE IN THE AREA AROUND THE ICCS COMPOUND.

5. OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS AND PROTESTS TO THE ICCS WERE REPORTED TODAY FROM PHU YEN, PHU BON, AND BINH DINH. NHA TRANG HAS NOT YET RECEIVED DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF THESE BUT SOME STICKS AND STONES WERE REPORTEDLY THROWN IN PHU BON WHERE THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE INITIALLY DENIED ENTRANCE TO THE ICCS COMPOUND AND ONLY THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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